

In the Abstract

Please substitute the following amended Abstract for the Abstract as currently pending (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

The invention relates to an adapter for coupling a laser ~~machining~~ treatment device $[(1)]$ to an object $[(2)]$ for ~~machining~~ treatment, whereby ~~said~~ the adapter $[(12)]$ has an input side $[(21)]$, which may be fixed relative to the laser ~~machining~~ treatment device $[(1)]$, by ~~means of~~ a locking mechanism $[(H)]$ and which may be fixed to the object $[(2)]$, for alignment of the object $[(2)]$ relative to the laser ~~machining~~ treatment device $[(1)]$. A scanned laser beam $[(4)]$ is introduced on the input side $[(21)]$, from the laser ~~machining~~ treatment device $[(1)]$, along a beam path to the object $[(2)]$ with a reference structure $[(24)]$. The reference structure $[(24)]$ lies on the beam path of the adapter $[(12)]$ and may be optically detected by means of the laser beam $[(4)]$ scanned over the region.